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SUBJECT: MANILA PRESS EDITORIALS ON US IN ASIA

1. MANILA PRESS CARRIED TWO EDITORIALS IN PAST FEW DAYS WHICH
TOUCH ON U.S. SECURITY POLICY IN ASIA.

2. MARCH 4 DAILY EXPRESS HAD LEAD EDITORIAL TITLED "TRI-POLAR
BALANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED." BASIC PREMISE OF EDITORIAL
IS THAT THE PRC'S CALL FOR THE U.S. TO WITHDRAW "ITS MILITARY
UMBRELLA OVER TAIWAN MAY BE INTERPETED AS A WARNING FOR
WASHINGTON TO LAY CLEARER, MORE ACTIVE POLICIES IN THE SOUTH-
EAST ASIAN REGION." EDITORIAL GOES ON TO CONCLUDE THAT "IT
IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SHE (PRC) WILL "LIBERATE" TAIWAN
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WITH THE POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF THE
MORE PRAGMATIC TENG HSIAO-PING AS PREMIER, AND CONSEQUENTLY
A MORE VIGOROUS POLICY OF ECONOMIC PRAGMATISM OVER DOCTRINE,
ASEAN COUNTRIES MAY BREAK DOWN INTO MORE WORKABLE TERMS
CHINA'S INSCRUTABLE WARNING TO THE U.S. WHAT IT (PRC)
WANTS TO AVOID IS RUSSIA'S GAINING AN UPPERHAND AND
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DISRUPTING THE BALANCE, EXACERBATED BY THE ALMOST APATHETIC
ATTITUDE BY THE U.S. TOWARDS ITS MAINTENANCE."

3. MARCH 6 TIMES JOURNAL CARRIED POSITIVE EDITORIAL BY
FRANCISCO DE LEON WHICH BRIEFLY SURVEYS "TEAM SPIRIT"
EXERCISE IN KOREA, RECENT COMMENTS ON KOREA BY DEFENSE
SECRETARY BROWN AND BY AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD, AND VICE

PRESIDENT MONDALE'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE REGION.
EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: "LAST YEAR, THE U.S. FOCUSED ITS
ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS OF EUROPE, INCLUDING THE
STRENGTHENING OF AMERICAN COMMITMENTS TO THE NATO. NOW,
THE U.S. APPEARS TO BE TAKING STEPS TO BALANCE ITS POLITICS
IN BOTH HEMISPHERES. IT IS NOW TURNING ITS ATTENTION TO
ASIA."
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